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In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A rosary comprising:
a flexible elongate member and a plurality of beads carried thereby, said plurality of beads comprising sets of beads separated by respective transition beads;
at least one sensor carried by at least one of said transition beads; and
an audible indicator carried by said flexible elongate member for providing an audible indication based upon said at least one sensor.
2. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein said flexible elongate member is arranged in a loop and with a leg extending outwardly therefrom; and wherein said audible indicator is carried at a junction between the loop and leg.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein said at least one sensor senses user contact.
6. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein said at least one sensor senses a voice of a user.

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7. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein said audible indicator comprises a recorder for recording the audible indication.

8. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein said audible indicator comprises a timer for providing a different audible indication based upon a calendar date.

9. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein the audible indication comprises at least one prayer.

10. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 1 further comprising a visual indicator for providing a visual indication based upon said at least one sensor.

11. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 10 wherein said visual indicator comprises a timer for providing a different visual indication based upon a calendar date.

12. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 10 wherein the visual indication comprises at least one religious image.

13. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 10 wherein the visual indication comprises prayer text.

14. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 10 further comprising a switch for permitting user selection of

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at least one of the audible and visual indication.

15. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 10 further comprising a housing mounting at least one of said audible indicator and said visual indicator.

16. (Currently Amended) A rosary comprising:
a flexible elongate member and a plurality of beads carried thereby, said flexible elongate member being arranged in a loop and with a leg extending outwardly therefrom, said plurality of beads comprising sets of beads separated by respective transition beads;

at least one sensor carried by at least one of said transition beads; and

a visual indicator carried by said flexible elongate member at a junction between the loop and the leg for providing a visual indication based upon said at least one sensor.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein said at least one sensor senses user contact.

20. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein said at least one sensor senses a voice of a user.

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21. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein said visual indicator comprises a timer for providing a different visual indication based upon a calendar date.

22. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein the visual indication comprises at least one religious image.

23. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein the visual indication comprises prayer text.

24. (Original) A rosary according to Claim 16 further comprising a housing mounting said visual indicator.

25. (Currently amended) A method to assist a user in reciting and learning prayers associated with a rosary, the method comprising:

providing a rosary including a flexible elongate member, a plurality of beads carried thereby and comprising sets of beads separated by respective transition beads, at least one sensor carried by at least one of the transition beads, and an audible indicator connected to the at least one sensor; and

generating an audible indication from the audible indicator based upon the at least one sensor to thereby assist the user in reciting and learning prayers associated with the rosary.

26. (Original) A method according to Claim 25

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wherein the flexible elongate member is arranged in a loop and with a leg extending outwardly therefrom; and wherein the audible indicator is carried at a junction between the loop and leg.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Original) A method according to Claim 25 further comprising sensing user contact.

30. (Original) A method according to Claim 25 further comprising sensing a voice of a user.

31. (Original) A method according to Claim 25 further comprising recording the audible indication.

32. (Original) A method according to Claim 25 further comprising providing a different audible indication based upon a calendar date.

33. (Currently amended) A method to assist a user in reciting and learning prayers associated with a rosary, the method comprising:

providing a rosary comprising a flexible elongate member and a plurality of beads carried thereby comprising sets of beads separated by respective transition beads, the flexible member being arranged in a loop and with a leg

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extending outwardly therefrom, the rosary further comprising at least one sensor carried by at least one of the transition beads, and a visual indicator connected to the at least one sensor and carried at a junction between the loop and the leg; and

generating the visual indication from the visual indicator based upon the at least one sensor to thereby assist the user in reciting and learning prayers associated with the rosary.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Canceled)

36. (Original) A method according to Claim 33 further comprising sensing user contact.

37. (Original) A method according to Claim 33 further comprising sensing a voice of a user.

38. (Original) A method according to Claim 33 further comprising providing a different visual indication based upon a calendar date.

39. (New) A rosary comprising:
a flexible elongate member and a plurality of beads carried thereby;
at least one sensor; and
an audible indicator carried by said flexible

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elongate member for providing an audible indication based upon said at least one sensor;

said audible indicator comprising a timer for providing a different audible indication based upon a calendar date.

40. (New) A rosary according to Claim 39 wherein said flexible elongate member is arranged in a loop and with a leg extending outwardly therefrom; and wherein said audible indicator is carried at a junction between the loop and leg.

41. (New) A rosary according to Claim 39 wherein said at least one sensor is carried by said audible indicator.

42. (New) A rosary according to Claim 39 wherein said audible indicator comprises a recorder for recording the audible indication.

43. (New) A rosary according to Claim 39 wherein the audible indication comprises at least one prayer.

44. (New) A rosary comprising:
a flexible elongate member and a plurality of beads carried thereby, said flexible elongate member being arranged in a loop and with a leg extending outwardly therefrom;
at least one sensor; and
a visual indicator carried by said flexible elongate member at a junction between the loop and the leg for providing a visual indication based upon said at least one

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sensor;

said visual indicator comprises a timer for
providing a different visual indication based upon a calendar
date.

45. (New) A rosary according to Claim 44 wherein
the visual indication comprises prayer text.

46. (New) A rosary according to Claim 44 further
comprising a housing mounting said visual indicator.

47. (New) A rosary according to Claim 44 wherein
said at least one sensor is carried by said visual indicator.